



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 31st January 2025

Message from the Headteacher

As we reflect on another eventful week at our school, I am pleased to share with you some of the highlights and important information that have shaped our experiences.

We began the week with an inspiring assembly that introduced our pupils to the remarkable story of Darren Edwards, an adventurer whose life exemplifies our school value for this term: resilience. Edwards' journey serves as a powerful reminder of how one can overcome adversity and continue to embrace life's opportunities with determination and courage. His story resonated deeply with our pupils, encouraging them to face challenges with a positive mindset and unwavering spirit. I know that lots of the children shared this story with everyone at home, but if you'd like a little more, he has a really interesting website: <https://darrenedwardspeaker.com/>. I am pleased to say that I was very lucky to listen to his story first hand last weekend which inspired me to share his story with the school.

It is with great pride that I commend Owl class for their outstanding efforts during their 'enterprise' week. The culmination of their hard work was evident in the day of fun and excitement shared by the entire school community. Such initiatives not only foster creativity and teamwork but also provide valuable real-world experiences for our pupils. The enthusiasm and ingenuity displayed by Owl class were fantastic, and I am certain that the skills they have developed will serve them well in future endeavours.

While we celebrate these achievements, it is crucial that we also address an important matter concerning the safety of our school community. It has come to our attention through numerous complaints and concerns raised by parents and residents regarding road safety around our school. I must emphasise that the safety of our pupils, staff, and families is my utmost priority.

I kindly request that all members of our school community exercise extreme caution when driving in the vicinity of the school. Please remember that the speed limit on the roads surrounding our school has been reduced to 20mph. This measure has been implemented to ensure the safety of pedestrians, particularly our pupils who may be less visible due to their size.

Furthermore, I urge all drivers to park considerately and carefully. Our pavements are narrow, and inconsiderate parking can force pedestrians, including children, onto the road. Under no circumstances should anyone park on the zig-zag lines outside the school, even for what may seem like 'just a minute'. These markings are in place to maintain clear sightlines and ensure the safety of those crossing the road.

By working together and adhering to these safety measures, we can create a safer environment for our entire school community. Your cooperation in this matter is not only appreciated but essential in safeguarding the well-being of our pupils.

As we continue to nurture resilience and celebrate achievements, let us also prioritise the safety and consideration that form the foundation of our supportive school community.

As always, I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



Star Awards

w/e 31st January 2025

Hedgehogs – Hudson & Joshua
Rabbits – Phoebe & Quinn
Squirrels – Poppy
Badgers – Oliver
Woodpeckers – Lilia
Owls – Madeleine



Whole School Attendance

27/01/25 - 31/01/25

94.8%

3/09/24 – 31/01/25

96.3%



'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 7th February

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.



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PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!



You will be pleased to hear that the PTFA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on stmacptfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

NSPCC Number Day

On 7th February, to help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking pupils and teachers to take part in fundraising for this good cause. We are suggesting a donation of £1 from each child to wear an item or items of clothing with a number on e.g. football shirt, cap, netball shirt, etc.

Please send your £1 donations to school with your child to hand to their class teacher on Friday 7th February. Thank you for your support.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 3rd February 2025

Monday, 3rd February

- Rabbits Class Forest School sessions all week

Tuesday, 4th February

- 2:30pm in the school hall - Parent Information Meeting for Badgers Class re residential trip

Wednesday, 5th February

- Open Afternoon at 3:15pm – come and see your child's workbooks and have an informal chat with the teacher

Friday, 7th February

- NSPCC Number Day – suggested £1 donation to wear an item/s of clothing with numbers on
- Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event – selected pupils
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 3rd February 2025

Rabbits Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights

Open Afternoon – 5th February

On Wednesday next week, we would like to welcome all parent/carers to school for our Open Afternoon from 3:15pm. Once you have collected your child from the classroom door at home time, please re-enter the school via the main school reception.

I hope you will enjoy looking at your child's workbooks and having the chance for an informal chat with the class teacher.

Owls Class Enterprise Week

A big thank you from Owls Class who raised

£209

at their Enterprise Event today. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charities, 'Cancer Research' and 'World Horse Welfare', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Owls Class.



Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 3rd February 2025

£2.50 per day

[Menu-Nov-2024-Mar-2025.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

[ParentPay School Uniform Shop](#)

Community Noticeboard

BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

DATES: 15TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY (HALF TERM)
LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY

ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY)

LEGO FIGURE HUNT
 SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:
 INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK OR
 WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

6 Week Course Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
 1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
 2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours. If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

GO TO THE WEBSITE

FREE CRICKET COACHING

Interested in playing cricket?
 Come along and try for free!
 A six week coaching programme for players of all ages (minimum age 8)

Starts Sunday 9th February
U11s: 6pm - 7pm
U13s, U15s and adults: 7pm - 8pm

REGISTER NOW

Duke of Yorks School
 CT15 5EQ

To register e-mail
incredhulks@hotmail.com

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

JANUARY 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- MILK (UHT)
- NOODLES
- DOG FOOD
- COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE

PLEASE NOTE
 We have plenty of pasta & pulses

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